GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4504
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002
HAJ PILGRIMS
AKHILESH SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quota allocated by Saudi Arabia to the country for the Haj pilgrims during the last three years; and

(b) the number of Haj pilgrims who undertook pilgrimage during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) The Haj quota allocated by the Saudi Arabia for the Indian Haj pilgrims during the last three years is as follows:

2000	1,20,000
2001	1,20,000
2002	1,47,000

Out of the above, the Haj Committee`s quotain the same period has been 72,000 per year. The remaining Indian pilgrims travelled to Saudi Arabia through the Private Tour Operators, and from third countries.

(b) The total number of Haj pilgrims who undertook the Haj pilgrimage were:

2000	1,09,909
2001	1,18,512
2002	1,18,759

Available information on the State-wise breakdown of Haj pilgrims in these years under aegis of the Haj Committee is placed on the table of the House. State-wise figures of Haj pilgrims who went through Private Tour Operators is not available.

Statement referred to in part (b) of the answer to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4504 to be answered on 18.12.2002.

S T A T E S	2000 NO.OF PILGRIMS PROCEEDED	2001 NO.OF PILGRIMS PROCEEDED	2002 NO.OF PILGRIMS PROCEEDED
DAMAN DIU	31	23	30
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	30	15	18
GOA	28	28	26
GUJARAT	7269	7082	5993
MADHYA PRADESH	3638	3406	3282
CHATTISGRAH	-	-	210
MAHARASHTRA	10413	10682	10583
CHANDIGARH	21	4	10
DELHI	3083	2649	2456
HARYANA	867	720	577
HIMACHAL PRADESH	15	39	25
JAMMU KASHMIR	4443	5746	6383
PUNJAB	158	144	180
UTTAR PRADESH / UTTARANCHAL - - -	13925	12085	11749
RAJASTHAN	3987	4297	4202
ANDHRA PRADESH	3459	3711	4634

KARNATAKA	4455	4848	3900
ANDAMAN NICOBAR	30	13	31
LAKSHADWEEP	205	216	156
PONDICHERRY	60	72	63
KERALA	6969	6221	6780
TAMIL NADU	3537	2858	2682
ASSAM	620	1067	1106
BIHAR	1580	1771	1308
JHARKHAND	-	-	692
MANIPUR	126	198	173
ORISSA	240	214	270
TRIPURA	10	9	47
WEST BENGAL	2227	2056	2278
GOVT. QUOTA / H.C	483	959	432
TOTAL	71909	71133	70276